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BENEŠ'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AND SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS:  
REPORT FROM "ZAY-Ts"

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To the 8th Department.

"ZAY-Ts"[i] reports:

Ambassador WINANT[ii] informed the "BANK"[iii] that, according to information from the Acting [2 groups unrecovered] RIFKA [iv], BENEŠ[v] was satisfied with his trip to MOSCOW and with the attitude to the European question expressed by the Soviet government. RIFKA told the First Secretary of the COUNTRY [STRANA][vi] SCHÖNFELD[vii] that BENEŠ, in a conversation with MIKOLAJCZYK[viii], stated: The USSR is not against the renewal of relations with POLAND, does not want a Communist POLAND and does not demand the 1941 boundaries. It does want the recognition of the CURZON line with some amendments (the Poles will have the area of BELOSTOK, the area near LOMZA and eastern GALICIA including PRZEMYSŁ. The USSR insists on keeping in its own hands LVOV [3 groups unrecovered] hand-over to POLAND of territory in the west right up to the ODER if the ISLAND [OSTROV][ix], the COUNTRY and CZECHOSLOVAKIA [6 groups unrecovered] the USSR demands changes in the composition of the Polish Cabinet and the removal of SOSNIEWSKI[x]; considers

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NIKOLAJCZYK acceptable; demands

[26 groups unrecovered]

collaboration of the COUNTRY and the ISLAND. In BENES's opinion this attitude has been dictated not by temporary

[102 groups unrecoverable]

## Footnotes:

- [i] ZAYETS: i.e. "HARE"; Maurice HALPERIN.
- [ii] WINANT: John Gilbert WINANT, U.S. Ambassador to GREAT BRITAIN.
- [iii] BANK: U.S. State Department.
- [iv] RIPKA: Hubert RIPKA, Deputy/Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Czechoslovak Government in Exile in LONDON.
- [v] BENES: President Edvard BENES of CZECHOSLOVAKIA; visited the USSR in December 1943
- [vi] COUNTRY: The U.S.A.
- [vii] SCHOENFELD: Rudolf Emil SCHOENFELD, American Minister to several Governments in Exile in LONDON, including that of CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
- [viii] NIKOLAJCZYK: Stanislaw NIKOLAJCZYK, Prime Minister of the Polish Government in LONDON.
- [ix] The ISLAND: GREAT BRITAIN.
- [x] SOSNKOWSKI: General Kazimierz SOSNKOWSKI, Commander-in-Chief Polish Armed Forces.

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